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THE VALUE OF LIFE.

The phrase, "as precious as life," indicates only a relative measure. True, a man will give almost anything for his own life, but that is not a group estimate. The munitions interests and the makers of guns have no difficulty in putting a price on human life. That is not to say that they would procure with money the killing of an individual; their business is wholesale. But they would readily put a price on the lives of the youth of two, three or a dozen nations.

For the profit there would be in it for the munitions or gun making business, they would foster the war spirit, keep up the fiction that international peace is impossible and spread abroad the propaganda of ridicule against all who advocate a sane adjustment of the differences which arise among nations.

And the manipulators of the international money market have their price for human life. They do not hesitate to say that the young men of England or of France or of the United States should be sent out to kill and be killed to make good the risks of the money lenders.

The statement is openly made, and has not been denied, that the belligerent attitude of France toward Russia, is due to the huge sums of money loaned by the French to the czarist government. How much, then, are those loans estimated at?

Millions of lives snuffed out; other millions of young men maimed and blinded and crazed; millions of children starved and neglected; millions of victims of typhus; woes upon woes heaped upon this and generations to come. How cheap is human life!

"JUST LIKE A MAN"—"JUST LIKE A WOMAN."

It may be said without fear of contradiction that a given man's ideal of a woman, and that same woman's ideal of herself, are two absolutely different things. For as regards themselves the sexes vision differently. So general masculine ideals of femininity, and femininity's ideals of itself, are most unlike. We have John's John, and Mary's John; Mary's Mary, and John's Mary; and this square is far more difficult even to apprehend, much less resolve, than is the squaring of the circle, or any mental slimping of the fourth dimension of space. Yet if the eternal two ever did really understand each other, interest would immediately cease; to what you understand you appropriate, in a sense you become that thing. In creating them male and female, therefore, so like yet unlike, Providence constituted a distinction and difference that should prove a perennial source of interest and joy; with incidental exasperations, it may be, and perpetual

wonder. "Just like a man," "just like a woman," are the commonest of phrases—but what it is to be "just like a man," or "just like a woman," who can truly say? That changeless "central core of identity," without which neither manhood nor womanhood can grow, was fixed in the beginning and, on the physical side, like the laws of the Medes and Persians, altereth never. What has grown, does grow, and must grow, are the mental and spiritual possibilities inherent in man and woman, the continuous development of which means civilization, and all that that connotes for the individual and the race. Man has always had some notion of himself and some ideal for himself, a goal to work toward, an excellence to embody. To be strong and brave, to be capable of the day's work be it chase or battle, to go a breadth beyond the need of the moment, gain headway, save something so that the next day's work may be eased or lessened—for man always works with the thought of eventual rest—this is the skeleton history of the ages. First enough for today, then enough for today and tomorrow, so through labor to wealth, which is another name for stored-up labor or assured possession—such is man's the toiler's life. And what of man's ideal of woman during all these centuries? Why, as his supreme helper, of course; and as man's helper woman has had to play a very diversified role, declares Scribner's Magazine.

THE OLD STORY TELLER

There was a little advertisement, printed in one of our exchanges, that stopped the blue pencil from marking and the long shears from clipping for a few moments because it set the mind a-wandering. It merely stated that the school board desired the services of a good story teller. Of course that did not mean that the school required a man or woman to make up lines and set them to music. It meant what it said, and that was the cause of the thinking.

The old story teller of the neighborhood was one of the characters of by-gone days, whose name will never be forgotten. He could hold an audience of boys and girls until the fires went out and the old clock tolled twelve times and began again the round of another day. Those stories never grew old, although related many times. There was something strangely charming about the weird and fanciful tales of witches and hobgoblins that closed the doors on sleep.

What boy was there among us who did not appreciate the stories of hunting wild animals and capturing savage Indians? Then what about the narrow escapes of first settlers from armed bandits, witches and ghosts that questioned their right of citizenship? Those things, and a thousand others equally as thrilling, rush to mind as the memory spots are brushed and brightened, and we long for the days of the story teller.

Yes, they have story tellers in the public schools to interest the little tots, and they succeed as well as in the past.

WHAT a contrast to the last eight years it will be if Senator Harding realizes his ambition to have the strongest cabinet that can be brought together.

PONZI would make an elegant secretary of the treasury in a Democratic administration. He could get the money to spend on airplanes and wooden ships.

IT IS the towns that are unable to care for all the people they have that are complaining the loudest about the census figures.

IF the cost of paper continues to soar, the paper a dollar is printed on will soon be worth more than its face value.

When a man is keeping his eyes on his enemies some professed friend comes along and gives him a hard jolt.

ONE industry probably languishes. Men are not wearing out as many latchkeys as before prohibition.

The-Passing-Show

THE man who said that almost ANY man can try for the presidency BUT there is only one Babe Ruth CERTAINLY said a facelift. WE suppose it is mean to laugh AT another's hopes and fears but to our COMPLETELY brutalized sense of humor NOTHING seems funnier than a BALDHEADED member of the class between 41 and 45 IN love for the first time. THE reason why one of our prettiest summer BRIDES agrees with most EVERYTHING he says right now IS because she isn't going to agree WITH anything he says ABOUT a year from now. YOU never would need more than ONE handkerchief to take care of all the CROCODILE tears that GERMANY is shedding over Poland. THE tread toward democracy is still growing STRONGER throughout the world AND we expect soon TO hear that the girls in the royal families ARE taking off their princess slippers AND putting on teddy bears. AS soon as a loving wife makes up her MIND just what she is going to do ABOUT a certain matter she will go and ASK her husband's advice. TO look at the devastation in our lettuce beds CREATED by the lettuce lice ONE would think at first that the Poles had defeated THE Reds at the Battle of Treasny-sa there. SOME of these young men who set OUT to "hit the high spots" in life HAD better provide THEMSELVES with shock absorbers. THE ratio of one to a lifetime holds good IN a good many things. ONE love, one heart, one mother—and so forth. AND we have lately decided

THAT one spell of neuritis is quite enough. THERE are a lot of cheap looking THINGS in this world but nothing QUITE so cheap as cheap jewelry. AS we look at it, the trouble WITH poverty is that it makes people ECONOMIZE on soap more THAN on anything else. THERE was a time in the old days WHEN a chicken thief was considered THE most contemptible BUT now it's the fellow who steals your flavor. THE highest medical authority insists

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THAT merely from the health standpoint OUR meals should be the pleasantest JOLLIEST experiences of our day BUT how can this be when we have to SPEND nearly all our time at them FURTIVELY and concentratedly TRYING to conceal the best stain spots. WE have made on the clean table cloth. IT'S true that there are so many grouches in THE world that a man can gain a GOOD deal of distinction BY just being cheerful.

POLES ALARMED OVER RED PRISONERS

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The Poles are becoming worried and embarrassed by the huge number of Russian prisoners fall into their hands, said a Warsaw dispatch to the Daily Express. The great masses of Red captives behind the Polish lines are putting Poland's food supply to a severe strain. According to the Polish general staff on Monday night more than 800,000 Russian prisoners had been taken by the Poles.

COSTLY LUMBER FIRE IN MINNEAPOLIS

MINNEAPOLIS, IND., Aug. 25.—Seven million feet of lumber and 5,000,000 shingles were destroyed here last night when the Northland Pine Lumber Co.

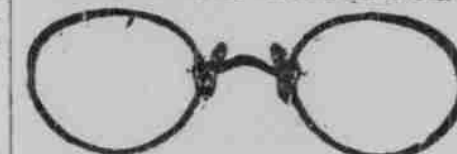
yards burned. Two dwellings were destroyed and the Soo Railway line railway tracks were destroyed by the intense heat for a distance of several blocks. The loss is estimated at \$500,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

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